

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 326
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ on its 40th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the future of our state depends upon the positive contributions that religion makes to our society; and

WHEREAS, Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ has worked to improve the quality of life in Tennessee for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, this church's 40th anniversary on March 24, 1996, should not go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, this illustrious body has been guided by Elder Thessolonia O. Fondren, Sr., since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Thessolonia Odell Fondren, Sr. was called to the ministry in 1944 and ordained in the Church of God in Christ on May 25, 1950; and

WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of the Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the church is located in South Nashville at 1258 Third Avenue South; and

WHEREAS, Elder Fondren has served as an executive board member of the Tennessee Second Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Executive Board, Superintendent of the Nashville District, Chairman of the Elders Council (Tennessee Second Jurisdiction), and presently serves as an executive board member in the Central Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ under Bishop

W.L. Porter. He also serves as advisor to Elder Louis Caldwell, Superintendent of Nashville District One; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man has led this church to a significant milestone of 40 years of strength and stability; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to commemorate Elder Thessolonia O. Fondren, Sr. and the Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ for over 40 years of service to Nashville and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commemorate the Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ on their 40th anniversary and wish them much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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